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For: FILLING COMPRISING A POLYESTER FIBRE

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AMENDMENT

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 7, 2000 (Paper No. 7) and are being filed within the six month statutory period. A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted in the attached Transmittal, and the Petition Fee is enclosed. Applicant requests that the above-captioned application be amended without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

B2 1. (Amended) A non-woven blend comprising a polymer filling fibre and a cellulosic fibre obtained by an organic spinning process.

In the Abstract:

Please add the following Abstract to the application:

-- ABSTRACT

B2 A non-woven material includes a polyester fiber and a cellulosic fiber. The non-woven material may be obtained by an organic solvent spinning process, producing a non-woven material with improved thermal and/or breathability properties. The non-woven material may be in the form of a fiberball, a wadding, a padding, a stuffing, or a filling material. --